COMMENCEMENT

UC DAVIS

School of Veterinary Medicine

May 23, 2025

UC DAVIS
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SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Seventy-Third Commencement Ceremony

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

Robert and Margrit Mondavi
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University of California, Davis

For more than 100 years, the University of California, Davis, has engaged in teaching, research and public service that matter to California and transform the world. Located close to the state capital, UC Davis has over 40,000 students, an annual research budget that exceeds $900 million, a comprehensive health system and 13 specialized research centers. The university offers interdisciplinary graduate study and more than 104 undergraduate majors in four colleges – Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering, and Letters and Science. It also houses six professional schools – Education, Law, Management, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing.

The School of Veterinary Medicine

The UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine provides teaching, research and service programs to benefit animal health, public health and environmental health. As the only veterinary school in the University of California system, we serve the entire state.

The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree program is a four-year course of academic study and clinical training. Faculty research and the real-world cases of the William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital are essential components of the program. Students enrich their learning through scientific projects, international exchange, volunteer activities and field experience.

Since 1948, the School of Veterinary Medicine has launched the careers of more than 7,500 veterinarians and 1000 Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine professionals. More than 1,100 residents and dozens of master's and doctoral students have completed training here. All keep current in their fields through continuing education at the school. Our graduates are practitioners and leaders in private practice, public agencies, academia, industry and other settings.

Congratulations to our newest graduates and their families.

Academic Dress in the United States

The ceremony of commencement is the most formal occasion celebrated by the university, and the participants traditionally wear academic dress, their official robes of office.

The origins of academic dress date back to the Middle Ages, when learning was largely confined to the church. The cap, gown and hood of modern usage descended from articles of dress worn by church dignitaries, likely for warmth in unheated buildings.

The cap is worn by holders of all degrees, but those with doctorates are entitled to wear a gold tassel and may substitute a velvet tam.

The gowns for the bachelor's degree, have pointed sleeves; for the master's degree, oblong sleeves; and for doctoral degrees, round, bell sleeves with bars of velvet either in black or in the degree color.

Bachelor's recipients have the option of wearing a Stole of Appreciation decorated with the university seal, as a symbol of achievement. Holders of higher degrees wear the hood, which represents a cowl that was used at one time to cover the head. The doctor's hood is slightly longer than the master's and has a rounded shape. Each has a silk, satin or velvet border on the outside in colors representing the discipline in which the wearer received his or her degree. The assignment of those colors was standardized in the United States in the late 19th century. They include green, the color of medieval herbs, for medicine, maize for agriculture and golden yellow, standing for the wealth that scientific research has produced, for the sciences. The trim for Doctor of Philosophy is dark blue. Some other examples:

Arts and Letters ..... white
Business ..... beige
Education ..... light blue
Engineering ..... orange
Fine Arts ..... brown
Law ..... purple
Veterinary Medicine ..... gray

The hoods are lined in the school colors. The University of California colors are blue and gold. Here are some examples of others:

Chicago ..... maroon
Colorado State ..... green and gold
Cornell ..... carnelian and white
Harvard ..... crimson
Illinois ..... navy blue and orange
Indiana ..... cream and crimson
Michigan ..... maize and blue
Ohio ..... crimson and gray
Pennsylvania .... cardinal and navy blue
Princeton ..... orange and black
Stanford ..... cardinal
Washington ..... purple and gold
Tuskeegee ..... crimson and gold
Yale ..... blue

Program

Processional

Commentary on the Procession
Karl E. Jandrey – Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Programs, School of Veterinary Medicine

Entry of Candidates and Academic Procession
Elgar: *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1*
Richard Van Vleck Pereira – Marshal and Chair of the Faculty, School of Veterinary Medicine

Introductory Remarks
Mark Stetter – Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

Commencement Address
Jonna Mazet – Vice Provost of Grand Challenges, Chancellor's Leadership Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology & Disease Ecology, School of Veterinary Medicine

Presentation of the School of Veterinary Medicine Medal
Awarded in recognition of outstanding academic and clinical performance
Joie Watson – Associate Dean for Professional Education, School of Veterinary Medicine

Certificates to Residents
Gary May – Chancellor, UC Davis

Michael Mison – Associate Dean for Veterinary Medical Center Operations and Chief Veterinary Medical Officer, William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital

Presentation of the Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine Candidates
Gary May – Chancellor, UC Davis

Janet Foley – Director, Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine Program

UC Davis Attending Leadership
Dana Allen – Assistant Vice Chancellor and Executive Director, Cal Aggie Alumni Association

Jessica Berg – Dean, School of Law

JP Delplanque – Vice Provost and Dean, Graduate Studies

William Garrity – University Librarian and Vice Provost of Digital Scholarship

Gary May – Chancellor, UC Davis

Tom Smith – Dean, School of Education

Faculty Speaker
Grace VanHoy – Assistant Professor, Livestock Medicine and Surgery Service

Remarks to the Graduates
Mark Stetter – Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

Student Speaker for the Class of 2025
Jennifer Grimes

Presentation of the Candidates and Conferral of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degrees
Gary May – Chancellor, UC Davis

Mark Stetter – Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

Karl Jandrey – Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Programs, School of Veterinary Medicine

Richard Van Vleck Pereira – Marshal and Chair of the Faculty, School of Veterinary Medicine

Special Presentation of Honorary Posthumous Degree to Thukral Family
Karl Jandrey – Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Programs, School of Veterinary Medicine

Administration of the Veterinarian's Oath
Jennifer Hawkins – President, California Veterinary Medical Association

Concluding Remarks
Mark Stetter – Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

Recessional

Special thanks to the children and families who supported our graduates who are parents or caretakers.

Slide show and music from the Class of 2025.

The audience is requested to remain in place during the processional and recessional.

Certificates to Residents

SOHEE BAE
Seoul National University, DVM, MS

ANNA BANK
University of Copenhagen, MVM

JENNI BRIDGES
Le Moyne College, BS
Cornell University, DVM

SHOSHANA BRODY*
Pennsylvania State University, BS

CRAIG BROWN
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, BS
University of California, Davis, DVM

KATE BURBERY
University of Queensland, BVSc

MARIA CALERO*
Universidad San Francisco de Quito, DVM

EMILY CAMILLA CUTOLO
Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine

FLORENCE DUPUIS-DOWD
Université de Montréal, DVM, MSc, IPSAV

MANUEL FERNANDEZ BARRIENTOS
Univeristy of Cordoba

TAYLOR JACKSON
Rockhurst University, BS
University of Missouir, DVM

AVERI KAPLAN-HSU
University of California, Los Angeles, BS
University of California, Davis, DVM

RAPHAEL LAW
University of Sydney, BVSc

MING LU**
National Taiwan University, Taipei, DVM, MVM
Oregon State University, MS, Surgery Residency

EVANGELIA MAKRYGIANNIS
Villanova University, BS
St. George's University, DVM

ELIZABETH MATTE*
Université de Montréal, DVM

LUCYANNE MEGAN
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, BS
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, DVM

SARAH MICHALAK
University of Miami, BS
University of California Davis, DVM

MUSAB MUHFFEL
Jordan University of Science and Technology, BVSc, MS
University of California, Davis, MPVM

JUSTINE ORIEL
VetagroSup Lyon, DVM

GABRIELLE PAUL-MCKENZIE
Western College of Veterinary Medicine, DVM

CLIFFORD PETIT
Stony Brook University, BS

ALBA PLANAS VINTRO
Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona, BVM

MAX RANDOLPH
Cornell University, DVM

BRIDGET RATLIFF
University of Nottingham, BVMS

MATTHIAS ROSSEEL
University of California, Davis, DVM

KAROLINA ROSZAK
Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences, DVM

LAUREL SALDINGER
University of Vermont, BS
UC Davis, DVM

BRETT STORY
University of Central Florida, BS
Auburn University, DVM

NING-KIT TANG
University of California, Davis, BS, DVM

LAUREN TSENG
University of California, Davis, BS
Western University of Health Sciences, DVM

ANNA VINCEK
Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich, DVM

JORDAN WILSON
University of California, Davis, BS, DVM

JAMES WOOD
California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, BS
University of California, Davis, DVM

**Intern*
***Fellow*

Candidates Completing the Program for the Degree Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine

KIMBERLY AGUIRRE SILIEZAR
University of California, Davis, BS

YURI CALVO
University of Sâo Paulo, BS

PRISKA CIPTANINGSIH
Airlangga University, BVM, DVM

RACHEL HIROTA
University of California, Davis, BS

ATHARVA KAPREKAR
Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University, BS

JEANNIE KNUCHELL
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, BS
University of California, Davis, DVM

MUYUAN LI
Mount Holyoke College, BA
Cornell University, DVM

BARSHA THAPA MAGAR
Agriculture and Forestry University, Nepal, BVSc & AH

Candidates Completing the Degree
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

REBECCA ABEL
Small Animal
University of California, Santa Barbara, BS

HAILEY ADLER
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

LINDSAY ALLEN ❖
Livestock
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, BS

ELIZABETH ANDERSON ❖
Livestock
University of California, Davis, BS

LEO ARCHER
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

MANDY AYERS
Equine
Delaware Valley University, BS

JOEY BALDETTI ❖
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

PAIGE BARTON
Equine
California State University, Fresno, BS

CARISSA BELL ❖
Small Animal
California State University, Sacramento, BS

ASIYA BHAISAHEB
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

SAVANNA JARVIS BLAIR
Zoological Medicine
University of San Diego, BS, BA

MORGAN BOWMAN
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

JESS BRAVOS
Livestock
University of San Diego, BA

MEGAN BROBST
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

JAIMIE BROWN
Exotics
University of California, Davis, BS

MATT BURKE ❖
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

GINA CASACCIA
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

TARRA CATALANO
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

JAMIE CHEONG
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

VY CHU ❖
Small Animal
University of California, Santa Barbara, BS

HANNAH CLEVENGER ❖
Small Animal
University of California, Berkeley, BS, BA

JESSICA COE ❖
Wildlife and Companion Small Animals
Rice University, BA

SHANNON COOK ❖
Zoological Medicine
Mount Holyoke College, BA

EVAN COSGROVE ❖
Dog and Cat
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, BS

MELISSA COUVELIER
Small Animal
Old Dominion University, BS

MICHELLE COWELL
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

ARIANA DALDEMIAN
Small Animal Exotics
University of California, Davis, BS

DANIELLE DAMICO ❖
Zoological Medicine
University of California, San Diego, BS, BA

CHRISTINA DI BERNARDO
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS, MS

SEBASTIAN JAMES ELSENBROEK
Aquatic Animal Medicine
Point Loma Nazarene University, BS

NATALIE ENGS
Small Animal
Loyola Marymount University, BA

CARLI FAWCETT
Zoological Medicine
Willamette University, BA

ARIEL (YUCHEN) FENG
Small Animal
Washington University in St. Louis, BA

MICHAEL FORBES
Small Animal
Washington State University, BS

CLAIRE FRESON ❖
Equine and Mixed Animal
University of Vermont, BS

MARY GARRISON
Small Animal
Cornell University, BS

KIARA GILARDI ❖
Small Animal
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, BS

SARAH GILL
Small Animal
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, BS

NICOLE GONZALES
Equine
University of California, Davis, BS

JENNIFER GRIMES
Equine
University of Redlands, BA
DePaul University, MA

ANNA GROTJAHN
Zoological Medicine
University of California, Davis, BS

KRISTIANNE GUEVARA
Small Animal
California State University Channel Islands, BA

STEPHANIE HAN
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

MORGAN HARDIE ❖
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

SHANNON HAZLEBECK
Large Animal
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, BS

NICOLE HERB ❖
Livestock
University of California, Berkeley, BA

STEPHANIE HIDAI
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS, BA

SUSIE HINCHEY
Small Animal
University of Miami, BS

TREVOR HISANAGA ❖
Small Animal
Oregon State Univeristy, BS

NICOLE HOANG
Dogs and Cats
University of California, Berkeley, BS

BRE HOFERER
Small Animal
University of California, Santa Cruz, BS

LINDSAY HOM
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

VICTORIA HOUSTON-JONES ❖
Small Animal and Exotics
University of California, Davis, BS

JANE HUTCHISON ❖
Equine
University of Otago, Christchurch, MBChB

ASH JAY
Research
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, MS
University of California, Davis, PhD

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Small Animal
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SAIISHA KAUSHAL
Small Animal
California State University, Fresno, BS

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Emory University, BS

KELLEY KRAMER
Small Animal
UC Davis, BS
California State Univeristy, San Marcos, MS

AVERY KUHLOW ❖
Small Animal
University of Wisconsin–Madison, BS

RIYA KURIAN
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

PAIGE LAMPRON
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

OLIVIA LANG-BROWN
Zoological Medicine
Dominican University, BS

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Small Animal
University of California, Santa Cruz, BS

TODD NHAN LE
Small Animal and Exotics
The College of Wooster, BS

BRITTANY LEE
Small Animal and Wildlife
University of California, Davis, BS

JOOHEE LEE
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

TIANJIAO LI ❖
Small Animal
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, BA
University of Chicago, MA

JESSICA LIN
Small Animal and Wildlife
University of California, Davis, BS, MS

MINDY LIOU
Small Animal
University of California, Berkeley, BS

BROOKE LITTMAN
Small Animal
University of Notre Dame, BA
University of Kentucky, MVS

VIVIAN LIU
Small Animal
Macalester College, BA

KELSEY LONG ❖
Small Animal
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, BS

ANNA LU
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

ALYSSA MA
Small Animal
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, BS

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Zoological Medicine
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, BS

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Livestock
University of California, Davis, BS

NYAH MARCH ❖
Equine
University of California, Davis, BS

ANGELICA MARTINEZ ❖
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

SHANNON MATHIS
Zoological Medicine
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, BS

SARAH FERN MEIL ❖
Small Animal
Yale University, BA
Columbia Law School, JD

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Small Animal and Exotics
University of California, Davis, BS

DJ MOLLOY
Small Animal
University of California, Los Angeles, BS

CATIE MORGAN ❖
Small Animal
Colgate University, BA

KATELYN MORITA
Livestock
University of California, Davis, BS

DEVAN MURPHY ❖
Small Animal
Rutgers University, BS
University of California, Davis, PhD

DANIELLE MYERS
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

DANIELLE OERTLE
Small Animal
Moravian University, BS

HELEN ONUFFER
Small Animal and Exotics
University of California, Los Angeles, BS

LISA PACUMIO
Companion Exotics
University of California, Davis, BS

ALLISON PARI
Small Animal
The Master's University, BA
California State University, Northridge, MA

CASSANDRA PARKER
Equine
University of Nevada, Reno, BS

SAMANTHA PEREZ
Small Animal, Small Mammal Exotics
University of California, Santa Cruz, BS

ARIA PHAN
Small Animal, Anatomic Pathology
University of California, Santa Barbara, BS

JAMIE PINCIN
Companion Animals
University of California, Davis, BS

MEG POTH
Equine
Dartmouth College, BA

RACHEL POULO
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

CALVIN PRICE
Zoological Medicine
Olivet Nazarene University, BS

LAUREN PRINCE
Small Animal
Colorado State University, BS, BA

DIONNE RASQUINHA
Small Animal
Animal Science from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, BS

HEATHER RAYMOND ❖
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

EMILY REESE
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

REBECCA RHILINGER
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

ANNA ROETHLER
Small Animal
Carleton College, BA

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Small Animal
California State University, Long Beach, BS
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, MS

WILLIAM SAUMIER
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Regis University, BS

ALEX SERNA
Small Animal
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ERIN SHEN
Small Animal
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ELLA SHERMAN ❖
Small Animal
Emory University, BA

CARRIE SHIH
Small Animal
University of California, Los Angeles, BS

KILEY SILVER
Livestock
Oregon State University, BS

KULANI SIMAFRANCA-NARTE
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

SARAH SMITH
Equine
Whitman College, Walla Walla, BA

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Small Animal Emergency
San Francisco State University, BS

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Wildlife and Livestock
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, BS, MS

EMILY TEPLER ❖
Small Animal
Oberlin College, BA

MADELEINE THOMPSON
Zoological Medicine
University of California, Santa Barbara, BS

QUENTIN THOUVENOT ❖
Large Animal and Zoological Medicine
University of California, Davis, BS

SAVANNAH TOBIN
Dogs and Cats
University of California, Davis, BS

KELSEE TRAN ❖
Small Animal and Exotics
University of California, Davis, BS

TAYLOR TRAXLER
Small Animal
University of California, Santa Barbara, BS

MIKAYLA UNDERWOOD AGUILAR
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

ISABEL VAISHAMPAYAN
Food Animal
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, BS

TIRRAGEN VIXIE ❖
Avian
California Polytechnic State University, Pomona, BS

ALENA WANG
Small Animal
University of California, Santa Barbara, BS

BRIAN WANG
Small Animal
University of California, San Diego, BS

YINGXUAN WANG ❖
Dogs and Cats
University of California, Davis, BS

CHRISTINE WASTILA
Equine
University of California, Los Angeles, BS

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Small Animal and Pathology
University of California, Davis, BS, BA

SAMANTHA WATTS
Small Animal
University of California, San Diego, BS

CALLIE WILCOX
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

RILEY WILSON ❖
Small Animal
Humboldt State University, BS

ELISE WOLFE
Small Animal
California Polytechnic State University, Pomona, BS

SU HYUN FAITH YANG
Zoological Medicine
University of California, Davis, BS

ABHIRAM YELLAMILLI ❖
Small Animal, Wildlife, Zoo and Exotics
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, BS

APRIL YOSHIHARA
Small Animal and Exotics
University of California, Davis, BS

KATHRYN YOUNG
Small Animal
Boise State University, BS

DEVANNE ZALEWSKI
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

HRAIR ZEITOUNIAN
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

DANIEL ZGODZAY
Small Animal
University of California, Davis, BS

DANIELLE ZUK
Small Animal
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, BS

DOMINIQUE ZUK
Small Animal
University of California, Los Angeles, BS

Honorary Posthumous Degree
SANAM THUKRAL
Wildlife
University of Miami, BS

❖Indicates Member of Phi Zeta Honor Society of Veterinary Medicine

Lambda Chapter
Members are wearing medallions bearing the emblem of Phi Zeta. Membership is based on high academic achievement.

Veterinarian's Oath

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.

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ALMA MATER

Hail to California!

Hail to California, Alma mater dear

Sing the joyful chorus, Sound it far and near

Rallying ’round her banner, We will never fail

California Alma Mater; Hail! Hail! Hail!

Clinton R Morse, University of California class of 1896
Arr. Charles Cushing

growforth

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